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Students Protest Threat of War

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

A handful of Valley College students joined an estimated 5,000 people who gathered for an anti-war march and demonstration at the Westwood Federal Building Sunday and then marched to the U.S. Army National Guard training center nearby.

"I want to show my dedication and my support of the peace movement," said Valley student Noelle French "It's important to say, 'hey we are the people and this is what we want.'" She and the others were exposed to a chorus of honking horns and curses from motorists passing on Wilshire Boulevard. They joined in as anti-war slogans were chanted, songs were sung, and signs decrying American foreign policy were raised.

The protest was organized by an umbrella group called "Not In Our Name" and featured many grassroots organizations, such as the Green Party, the ACLU, the Communist Youth Brigade and others. The protesters ranged from pre-teen to senior citizens, dressed in everything from tie-dye and leather fringes to the Sunday casual. The protesters sang chants such as "U.S. in Iraq — not in our name," "One, two, three, four, we won't fight your oil war," and, "Long live Palestine." Some of the signs read, "No War for Oil," and one with a picture of Jesus Christ read, "Hey Bush, Not in My Name." The activities began around 1 p.m. and were scheduled to last until 6 p.m.

The main event of the protest was the one-mile march to the National Guard training center, which started at 2:30 p.m. Two face-covered organizers and a truck adorned with signs reading, "Police State" and "In the Bush League, America Strikes Out," led the thousands down Wilshire to the corner of San Vincente.

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Valley student Zach Aatti (in green) leads anti-war protestors on Wilshire Boulevard during a march Sunday.

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AB540 Conference Held in Campus Center

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

The benefits of Assembly Bill 540 and plans for its future were discussed in Monarch Hall Friday. More than 200 people attended the event, including Marco Firebaugh, California's 50th District Assemblyman, members of the Los Angeles Community College District board of trustees, and students and campus administrators from Valley and other district colleges.

AB 540 was a bill passed by the state legislature in September 2001 waving non-resident fees to undocumented students who had attended California High Schools. It was championed by Firebaugh, who stressed that its implementation must remain within the spirit of its intentions.

"We're affording young people the opportunity for higher education," said Firebaugh, who rep-

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Marco Firebaugh, Assemblyman 50th District gave the keynote address for the AB540 discussion that was held in Monarch Hall on Oct. 4.

TEACH-IN TODAY OCT. 9 TO DISCUSS THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S INITIATIVE TO GO TO WAR WITH IRAQ 11:20 A.M. IN MONARCH HALL.

Senator Addresses State Nursing Shortage at LAVC

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

Experts predict that California will need 25,000 more nurses within the next five years in order to avoid a catastrophe within the state health-care system. To address the issue, the state legislature requests "bold action" from all involved. The nursing programs in the state's colleges and universities have been working to address the problem, "but they need more help," said Democratic senator and chair of the state senate sub-committee on higher education, Jack Scott of Pasadena, who attended an informational hearing last Wednesday in Monarch Hall.

Roughly 150 people voiced their concerns regarding California's current nursing shortage. Valley President Dr. Tyree Wieder, Dr. David Levinsohn, chief executive officer of Sherman Oaks Hospital and Executive Director of the Board of Registered Nursing Ruth Ann Terry, were among the 13 participant-panel of experts who spoke at the event regarding higher education's role in the situation.

One issue addressed was that few nursing students take a full 12-unit load, and are therefore ineligible for Cal grants. Many students also work full time and have families to support, making it difficult to take and pass classes. There is also a lack of qualified faculty. Valley has a 12:1 student to teacher ratio whereas most schools have a 10:1 ratio, according to Dr. Judy Holton, chair of the Valley nursing department.

"The best way to address the nursing shortage is to fill the vacancies in the faculty," Holton said. "The second best way would be to help fund the students so they can study and not work."

Many agreed that the state's colleges and universities are not producing enough nurses. "We

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Senator Jack Scott questions testimony that was given during the Informational Hearing addressing the Nursing Shortage in California, which was held Oct. 2 in Monarch Hall.

ASU Fees Proposed to Increase

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAR REPORTER

The Los Angeles Community College District recently proposed an increase in the Associated Student Organization fees from $7 to $10. Some Los Angeles colleges feel that an increase will help better serve students' needs for activities on campus.

The current budget for the Associated Student Union at Valley College is $93,000. It funds programs such as athletics, graduation, homecoming, the Child Development Center, on-campus organizations, the oceanography department, broadcasting department and scholarship funds.

ASU membership is nearing 13,000. The proposed increases would mean an additional $37,000 available toward such planned activities.

There are mixed feelings about whether to raise the fees. Some executive board members feel that an increase, while helpful, would deter students from paying.

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COURTESY OF DYLAN HAY-CHAPMAN

point-counterpoint

Growing Up or Getting Old?

COURTESY OF CATHLEEN KENNEDY

BY CATHLEEN KENNEDY

Gone are the days when kids can be kids. It's not a pretty picture. I think that children are growing up too fast. Lack of parenting and today's society is compressing childhood more and more.

Midway between childhood and adolescence are the "tween" years – the eight to 12-age range. But tweens of today are more like teens, learning more about teen styles, attitude and behavior at its most troubling.

Studies show that the 12 to 14 year olds of yesterday are the 10's to 12's of today. At age 12, kids are describing themselves as flirtatious, sexy, trendy, athletic and cool. Companies are mass marketing to this generation, promoting items that take away from children's youth.

It's not just about fashion. Tweens are demonstrating many risky behaviors that used to be associated with adolescence. Years ago, parents would have to worry about their kids around 9th or 10th grade, now it's as early as seventh grade. Although children under 15 still represent a minority of juvenile arrest, their numbers have grown over the last 20 years.

One of the more shocking studies revealed that girls under the age of 15 are becoming sexually active. Between 1988 and 1995 the percentage rose from 11percent to 19 percent. Cases of pregnant sixth graders are even being reported

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BY STERLING ANDREWS

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With the growing number of child development studies and child-related polls over the last 30 years, I realize how easy it is to look at the statistics of child and teen crime, pregnancy or drug use and come to the conclusion that kids aren't being kids anymore. But even though I have raised an eyebrow more than once after overhearing two fifth grade girls talk about being popular (I work at an elementary school in Hidden Hills), or a 10-year-old boy mention his girlfriend, I honestly believe that children are not growing up too fast; they are just being noticed more.

First of all, we have to remember that until the early 1900s, children did not exist in society as a class of people. There were few laws to protect them (fewer that were enforced), no studies or polls and no mapping of their development. Children were unimportant to anyone besides their parents, segregated from each other by their parents' social classes and endured a quality of life that was far from enjoyable. Adults had no care or concern for children who were not their own.

If childhood is to be defined as a time of education, play and a sense of carefree innocence, only children of extremely wealthy families had the chance to experience it until very recently. Most children worked to help support their families from roughly six years old, few were allowed to go to school and their wel-

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editorial

It seems that there are plenty of people on campus – faculty and students – who fully support the Bush administration's initiative to go to war with Iraq. But why is it that, when Leon Marzillier, faculty association president, first announced that a teach-in would be held to discuss the situation, not one conservative person volunteered to publicly declare and defend their opinion?

Some Bush supporters on campus have accused Marzillier of not putting forth sufficient effort to find a conservative panelist. Others say they never knew he was looking for one, but those opposed to war and distrustful of the Bush administration may find it is easy to accuse conservatives of lacking the debate skills to argue for an initiative with highly questionable motives. Some may even go so far as to cry "blind patriotism" when attempting to explain why people with such strong views on a subject wouldn't jump at the chance of setting those "bleeding heart liberals" straight. However, as much as some liberals would love to believe this, perhaps there is another, more powerful reason that neither conservative faculty nor students were willing to take part in the teach-in panel at the time of this publication.

During World War II, propaganda – both private and government – encouraged citizens to plant victory gardens, enlist and fight, volunteer goods and supplies and women put wifely duties aside to join the workforce so that their husbands could serve their country. Even during the war with Korea, most citizens – including the high school and college-aged populace – supported president and country.

But something happened in the early 1960s. Minorities began actively fighting against social and government oppression, daughters of women who had been pushed back into the kitchen after their husbands returned from war began demanding the same salaries and opportunities as their brothers and before long, it was publicly acceptable to question authority and assume that those in power weren't always right.

Most of those who support the Bush administration – particularly faculty members – are members of that revolutionary generation. Many of them protested the war; all of them knew someone who did. They were a part of the generation that grew their hair, burned their draft cards, and shouted at the soldiers returning from war.

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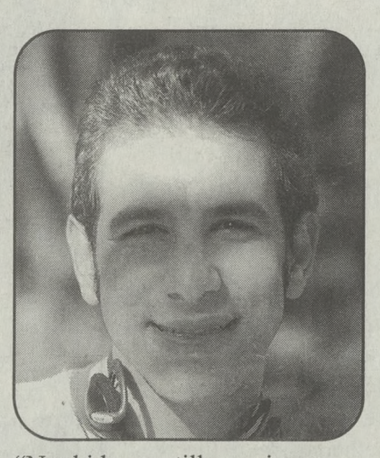
Campus View

Are Kids Growing Up Too Fast?

BY DAYNA PRICE AND TAMMY ABBOTT

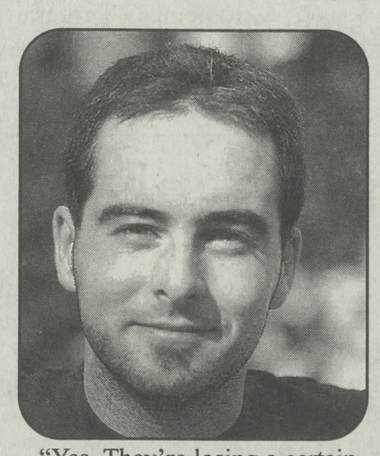
"Yes. Kids are doing things they shouldn't be doing at their age."

Melody Ortiz



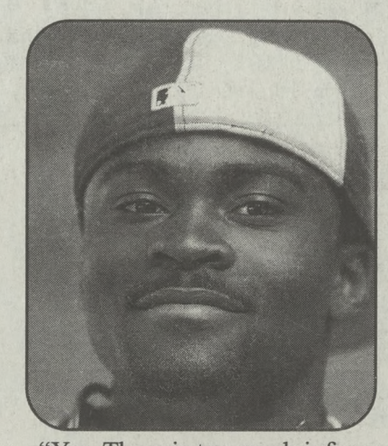
"No. kids are still very immature. There are too many distractions for them in the media."

Paul Calabro



"Yes. They're losing a certain innocence that makes life worth while. "

Drury Brennan



"Yes. There is too much information in the media that they don't need to know."

Winston Wright

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campus scene

9 12:00 p.m - Latino Heritage Month Celebration
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Woodbury University

10 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. University of Judaism
11:30 a.m. - Ronnie Cutierrez Band; Salsa - Rm. 110
8:00 p.m. - One Act Plays, Horseshoe Theatre

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8:00 p.m. - Valley Symphony Orchestra; Robert Chauls, Conductor and Alexis Carreron, Viola - Mainstage Theatre

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Sarkis Baltaian, pianist, played in the Music Recital Hall on Oct. 3. He performed Beethoven's "Sonata No. 14 in C sharp minor, opus 27 no. 2."

The Keys to Success

BY TAMMY ABBOTT
STAR REPORTER

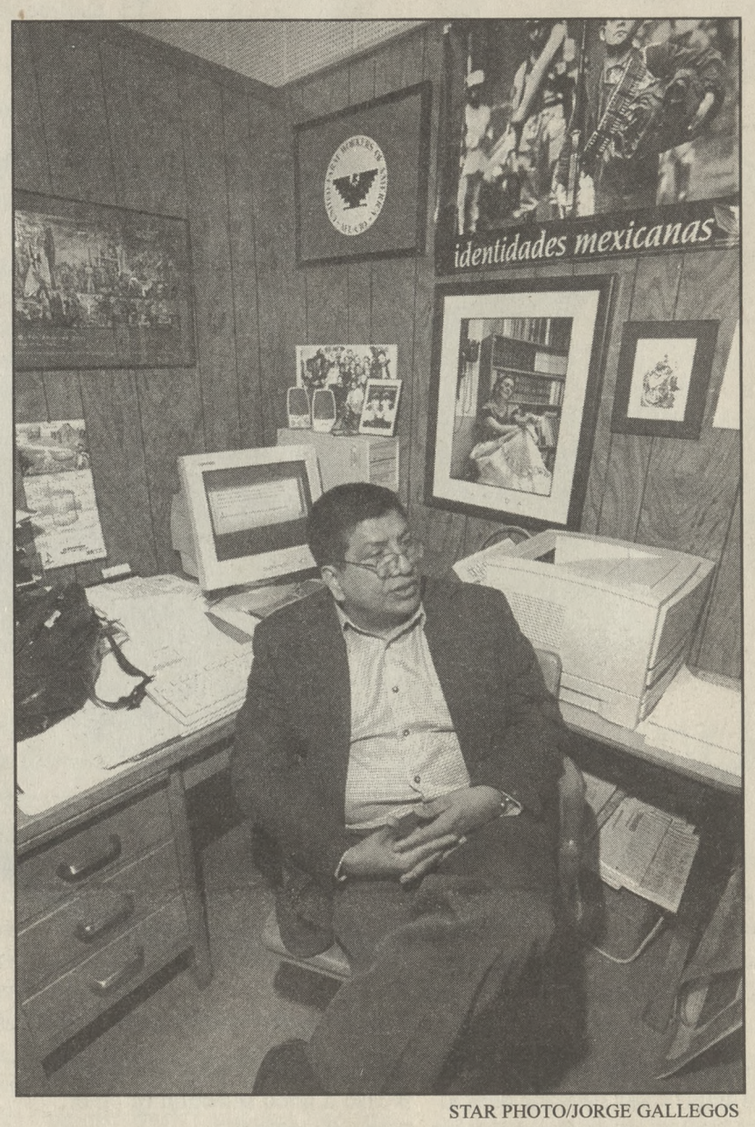
The Valley College music department hosted another inspiring musical event Thursday featuring Sarkis Baltaian, an accomplished pianist who has performed with orchestras throughout the world.

Baltaian's sensitive attention to Beethoven's "Sonata No. 14 in C sharp minor, opus 27 no. 2" (the "Moonlight Sonata") delighted the audience. His passion, agility, and articulation truly honored the spirit of Beethoven.

The music recital hall was also filed with strains of the "6th Nocturne op. 63" by Gabriel Faure and "Fantasien op. 116" by Johannes Brahms, further demonstrating Baltaian's artistry.

Baltaian, a University of Southern California graduate and winner of the 1999 USC Piano Concerto Competition is currently assisting professor John Perry at the USC music school.

Valley College Celebrates Latino Heritage Month



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Pete Lopez, professor of Chicano Studies and co-advisor to M.E.Ch.A. talks about where Latino Heritage comes from.

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAR REPORTER

Valley College will celebrate Latino Heritage Month in Monarch Square Oct. 23 with political and cultural events, popular music and great food.

The celebration, which has become a tradition on campus, will feature various political figures speaking about issues that affect the Latino community.

"Every year we get together to commemorate the contributions that Latinos have made on American society," said Pete Lopez, professor of Chicano Studies and co-advisor to M.E.Ch.A., Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (the Aztlan Chicano Students' Movement).

Latino Heritage Month falls between Mexican Independence Day and Columbus Day -- known in Mexico as Dia de la Raza, the Day of the People.

"The official position of Mexico on Columbus Day is that it is marked simply as a beginning – as an historical event," said Lopez who added that people continue to revere Columbus as an important figure in the expansion of their heritage even though some question

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TPA Gives LAVC Students a Head Start

BY KATHARINE ANDERSON
STAR REPORTER

Students who plan to become elementary or special education teachers have an opportunity at LAVC to enrich and accelerate their academic studies with the Teacher Preparation Academy.

TPA prepares full-time students to transfer to CSUN after completing two years at LAVC. Upon completion of two years at CSUN, the students would receive their BA and teaching credential. Without joining TPA it would normally take a student five years to accomplish this.

"If a student follows the program they would be working as a teacher one year sooner than normal," said Dr. La Vergne Rosow, TPA Director.

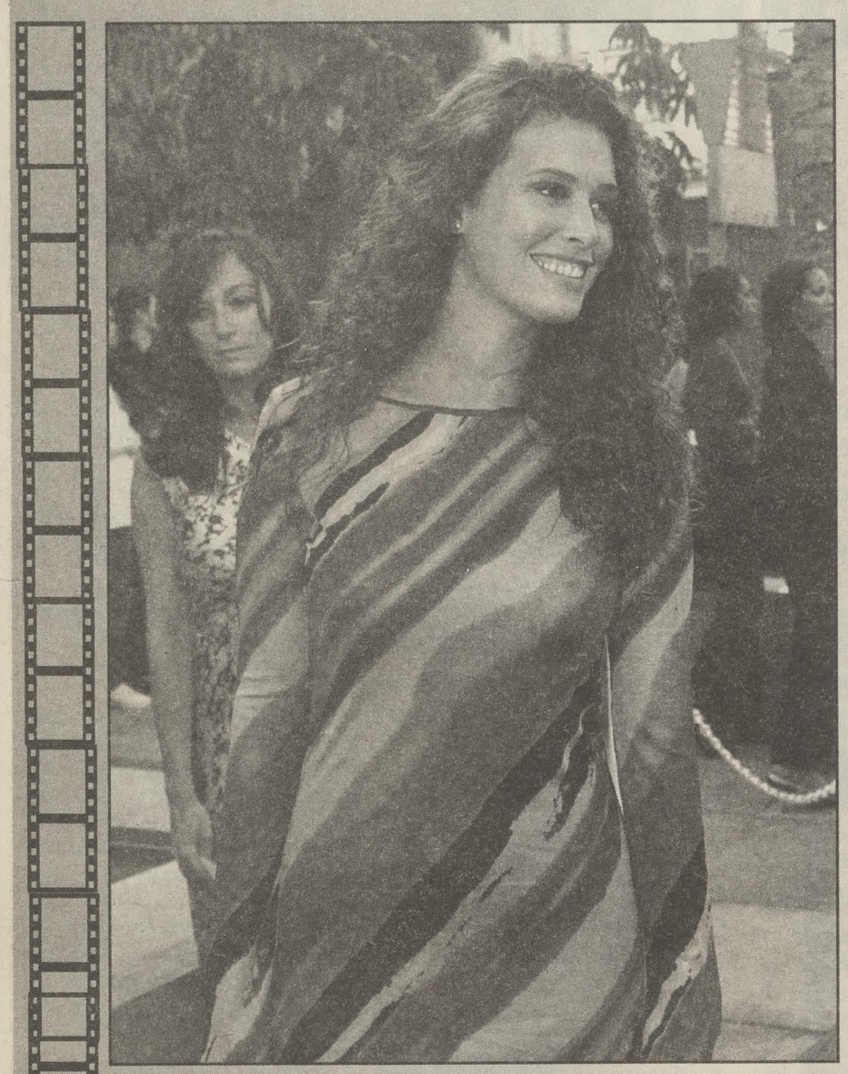
TPA works with several agencies that offer students opportunities they would not normally receive in a regular classroom setting as well as a chance to build their resume.

"Students can go into multiple environments and network in a way that is comfortable for the student," said Dr. Rosow, "Anything done with a separate entity can only help to enhance the student's resume."

The new program was organized during the spring semester 2002 and has received a tremendous response. It has a strong staff of counselors to assist students with their career goals.

"It's an excellent way to get your feet wet," said Steve Hojda, Valley student and member of TPA. "The possibilities are endless. It's helped me a lot."

Students interested in learning more about TPA can contact Dr. La Vergne Rosow at (818) 947-2591.



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Angie Cepeda does an outstanding performance as the Secret Service agent L Colombiana in the movie "Captain Pantoja."

'Captain Pantoja' a Special Service to Moviegoers

BY JORGE GALLEGOS
PHOTO EDITOR

Welcome to the new generation of "cine en Espanol." "Captain Pantoja and the Special Service," a must-see film from Peru, is delighting moviegoers with its incredible scenery, gripping story and gorgeous stars.

Directed by Francisco J. Lombardi and based on Mario Vargas Llosa's international bestseller, "Captain Pantoja" is a story about a happily married, upstanding, honorable military man (Salvador del Solar) who is given a very unusual assignment that leads him straight into the arms of "La Colombiana," played by Hollywood's next Latin heartbreaker, Angie Cepeda.

The story takes the audience deep into the Amazon jungle where high temperatures and aphrodisiac-filled foods are causing a series of rapes. Pantoja is ordered to create a "special service" – a group of specialized prostitutes – to satisfy the carnal cravings of the soldiers stationed there. El Sichi (the corrupt journalist who blackmails Capt. Pantoja) and a band of hot locals demand access to the "Special Service."

"Captain Pantoja and the Special Service," with English subtitles is *now playing in selected* theatres.

COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Will Graham (Edward Norton) must face his old nemesis, Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins), as he hunts down a serial killer.

Movie Review: 'Red Dragon'

BY RICHARD POWELL
STAR REPORTER

Let us all rejoice; Red Dragon is the last hurrah for and the final word on the sexiest cannibal of them all, Hannibal Lecter. Thankfully, we can now forget about Michael Mann's aberrant Manhunter – the 1986 bastardization of Thomas Harris's brilliantly tragic police-procedural novel, 'Red Dragon.'

Will Graham (Ed Norton) is a broken man teetering on the brink of insanity after spending much of his professional life in the minds of the most appalling murderers, including Lecter (who is more appealing than appalling). After a brush with death while arresting Lecter, Graham calls it quits. However, bad things come to those who think the worst is truly over.

The 'Tooth Fairy' has brutally slaughtered two attractive families in the rural Midwest and the FBI wants Graham back to aide in their capture of this new monster. But Graham has

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EATING ON THE CHEAP

BY SHARI SOLLARS
STAR REPORTER

In part two of the series, we explore the 99 Ranch Market in Van Nuys.

Have you ever been drinking a milkshake and thought "Wow, this thing could really use some big chewy balls of tapioca floating around in it?" Well neither had I, but the first time I had a milkshake like that (called a "bo ba"), I was hooked. I had it at 99 Ranch Market, another fantastic supermarket in the San Fernando Valley.

The store is always crowded with people speaking many different languages, especially Asian dialects, and the food available is mostly from that continent as well. Inside, to the left of the front entrance, is a smoothie counter that sells amazing milkshakes and fruit drinks, $2.50 for a 16-ounce shake (some of the more interesting flavors: avocado, red bean, lychee as well as mango and banana). For 50¢ you can add a scoop of tapioca "pearls," about the circumference of a dime, they are slightly sweet and very chewy. You need a fat straw to suck the pearls off the bottom of your cup; I highly recommend them.

The store is full of fascinating items, foods that many of us have never seen before labeled in languages I can't even recognize. It is a cultural experience just to wander through the aisles – an exciting experience for an adventurous food-lover. The prices at 99 Ranch Market are generally lower than at the big chain supermarkets.

The produce section is immaculate and exotic. One odd example is the large and thorny durian fruit which is outlawed in public markets in some Asian countries because of its offensive smell when ripe (the ones at this market must not be ripe because they don't stink at all). The selection of more familiar fruits is equally wonderful. There are big mangoes, fresh coconuts, bitter melons, green papaya as well as persimmons and fresh chestnuts -- two things that usually can only be found at farmers' markets. There are large piles of snap pea sprouts (delicious sautéed with a little garlic) and piles of Asian herbs.

My favorite thing about 99 Ranch Market is the amazing fish counter. There is a bank of salt water tanks full of live seafood -- lobster, two different kinds of crab, seabass, tilapia, and catfish. The butchers will catch, clean, and even deep fry your selection if you like. There is also a good selection of other kinds of seafood.

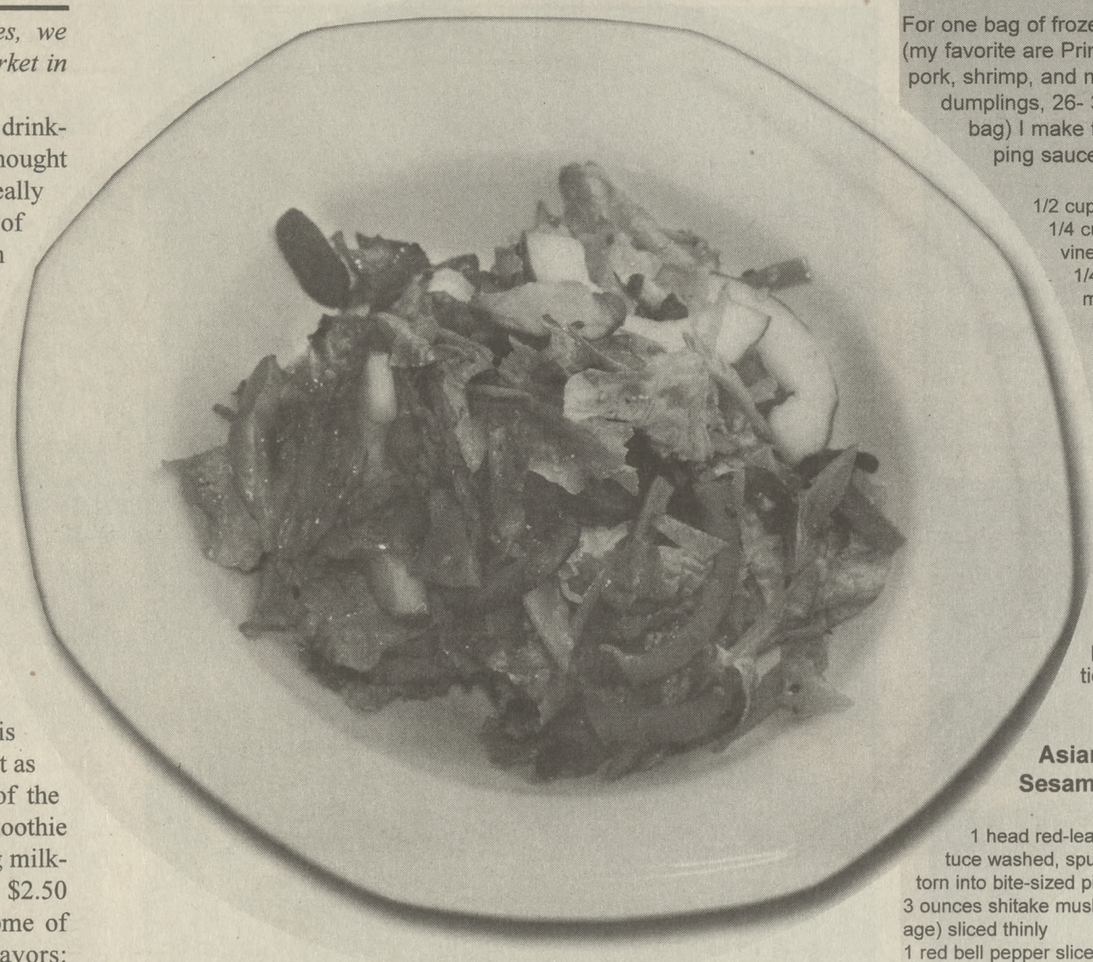
The full-service meat counter has almost anything you could want. If you wanted duck's tongue or beef lips they've get them. Of course, there is a grand selection of all the more conventional meats as well.

There is a take-out counter with big steaming trays of dim sum and Chinese entrees, and a bakery section with all kinds of breads and pastries. The frozen food section has many selections -- pot stickers and dumplings, spring rolls, and interesting frozen desserts. One of the best is called mochi -- little ice cream bon-bons that are wrapped in a thin delicate rice flour cake. It's hard to choose between flavors like green tea, mango, taro and more.

The aisles of packaged foods include familiar American brands as well as a lot of unfamiliar ones. There are many kinds of noodles (dried and fresh), sauces, vinegars, gummi candies and canned fruits and vegetables to discover. I could spend hours doing just that.

I spent $22.45 on groceries for a dinner for six people; that is a higher price per person than last week's menu, but many of the items I bought were large-quantity like a five-pound bag of rice and bottles of sesame oil and vinegar.

Although there are several 99 Ranch locations in Los Angeles, the Van Nuys store is located at 6450 Sepulveda Blvd at Victory in Van Nuys, CA 91411-1300. The telephone number is (818) 988-7899.



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Dipping sauce for Potstickers

For one bag of frozen potstickers (my favorite are Prime Food brand pork, shrimp, and mushroom dumplings, 26- 30 pieces per bag) I make this easy dipping sauce:

1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
1/4 cup sake or mirin (Japanese rice wine)
2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 tablespoon chili paste

Mix all ingredients and serve with hot potstickers (cooked according to package directions).

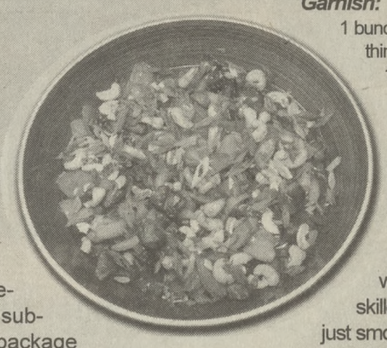
Asian Salad with Sesame Dressing

1 head red-leaf or butter lettuce washed, spun, and gently torn into bite-sized pieces
3 ounces shitake mushrooms (1 package) sliced thinly
1 red bell pepper sliced into thin julienne strips
1/4pound snow peas, sliced thinly
1/2 cucumber sliced lengthwise and seeds removed, sliced thinly

Dressing:
1/4 cup seasoned rice wine vinegar
1/2 cup peanut oil
1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds
1/2 teaspoon salt

Lightly sauté mushrooms and snowpeas together in 1 Tbsp. peanut oil. Cool to room temperature. Toss all ingredients with dressing in large salad bowl; serve and garnish with chopped fresh cilantro. Serves six.

Cashew Pork Stir-fry



Chicken can easily be substituted for pork in this recipe; vegetarians can substitute one package of extra-firm tofu (cut into cubes) instead of meat.

1 pound boneless pork, shoulder or loin, sliced into large bite-sized pieces
Marinate in:
2 tablespoon Sherry or Madeira
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 tablespoons cornstarch

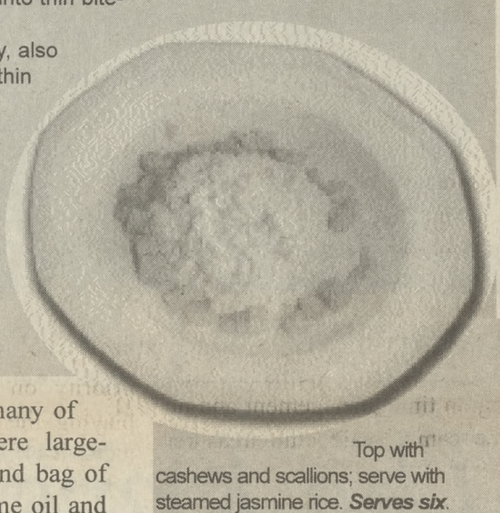
Stir-fry:
4 tablespoons peanut oil
1 3-inch piece of fresh ginger peeled and minced
3 cloves garlic minced
4 medium-sized carrots, peeled and sliced diagonally into thin bite-sized pieces
2 large stalks of celery, also sliced diagonally into thin bite-sized pieces
1 large yellow onion diced into 1-inch squares

Sauce:
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 cup chicken broth (vegetarians substitute 1/2 cup vegetable broth, reduce cornstarch to 2 teaspoons)
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup Sherry or Madeira
1 tablespoon sesame oil
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dried hot red pepper flakes (optional)

Garnish:
1 bunch scallions (green onions) thinly sliced
1 cup salted roasted cashews

Marinate meat and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, then heat 2 tablespoons peanut oil in a wok or large non-stick skillet over high heat until just smoking, swirling pan to coat evenly. Stir-fry half of the ginger and garlic together for about 5 seconds. Add pork and stir-fry, separating pieces, until browned and just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer pork to a bowl.

Heat remaining peanut oil in wok and stir-fry remaining ginger and garlic for about 5 seconds. Add carrots, celery and onion and stir-fry until vegetables are cooked but still slightly crispy, about 4 minutes. Add pork and sauce mixture; stir-fry until pork is heated through and sauce is thick, about 1 minute more.



Top with cashews and scallions; serve with steamed jasmine rice. ***Serves six***.

Coconut Tapioca with Lemongrass Syrup and Mango

Inspired by a similar dessert at Le Colonial in San Francisco

Tapioca:
6 cups water
1 cup pearl tapioca (1/8-inch-sized ball)
1 14-oz can unsweetened coconut milk
Pinch salt
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 ripe mango, peeled and diced into small cubes

Syrup:
1 1/4 cup water
1 cup sugar
1 stalk lemongrass

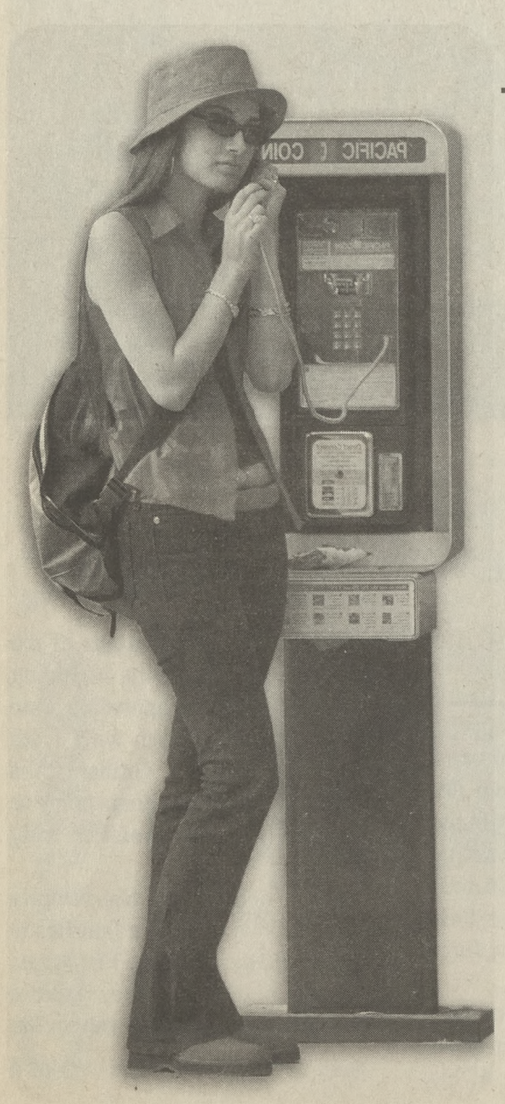
For syrup: cut a 4-inch section from bottom of lemongrass stalk and slice thinly, put in saucepan with 1 cup water and sugar. Bring to a boil, simmer gently until syrup thickens and tastes like lemongrass, about 15 minutes. Strain syrup through a fine strainer and refrigerate.

For tapioca: bring 6 cups water to a boil in a large saucepan and add tapioca, stirring constantly. Gently boil, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and cover; let stand until tapioca is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add 2 cups cold water to tapioca (to stop the cooking) and swirl tapioca around with a spoon to loosen the starch that has cooked off. Drain immediately in a large strainer (make sure the holes are small enough that the tapioca won't escape). Rinse tapioca in strainer with cold water and drain completely. Transfer tapioca to a large bowl.

Shake coconut milk; add 1 cup to tapioca. Add 2 tablespoons brown sugar and a pinch of salt. Stir well and refrigerate until tapioca sets up (like loose Jell-O), about 1 hour. Whip cream with 1 tablespoon brown sugar and 2 tablespoons coconut milk, fold into tapioca.

To serve: divide tapioca into individual dessert dishes. Sprinkle with mango cubes and drizzle with lemongrass syrup. ***Serves six***.

Must Have Fall Fashion



BY CATHLEEN KENNEDY
STAR REPORTER

You've got your binders, pencils and loose-leaf paper already taking care of, but it's not too late to buy a few of the must-have fall fashions.

"Valley Students are lucky, they can wear light clothing all year round," said student Levan Dolbaia. "I'm from Russia and you can't dress like this in the fall." Stocking up on your cold winter basics will help carry your clothing from season to season. Denim jackets and hooded sweatshirts are great to layer over comfortable T-shirts.

"Wear what you like," said cinema student Janice Wells Lapton. "Put styles all together and create your own interesting look. Then you have real fashion." All groovy things this fall top the list: handcrafted looks, pleasant touches and rugged outerwear. It's the perfect way to look extra hip.

You don't have to spend big bucks on your fall fashions. Trends come and go, so a few new items mixed in with what you have should do the trick.

MEN FALL TRENDS

* T-shirts with Pulp Fiction-ish characters, rock bands, random numbers and product logos like Atari. "Ringers" and baseball T's are always a safe bet.
* Velour jogging suits—think retired man in Palm Springs
* Stocking or beanie caps with logos. Think Enrique Iglesias
* Corduroy pants with pockets – slightly fitted and straight cut.
* Straight-cut leather jackets with buttons (not zippers) and squared pockets
* Fitted vintage sweater, solid or with simple right-angle patterns
* Classic cut denim jeans
* Old school styles to hi-tech sneakers—check out the new spin on the classic Converse Chuck Taylor

WOMEN FALL TRENDS

*Corduroy—from purses to hats to jackets and pants –gotta have it!
* Denim—low-rise, slightly bootcut
* Velour jogging suits—think J. Lo or Madonna
* Cameo necklaces and jewelry
* Shearling or pea coats, fuzzy jackets and vest
* Distressed leather purses and boots
* Prep schoolgirl classics like plaids, tweeds and argyles
* Pointy toe, kitten-heel boots

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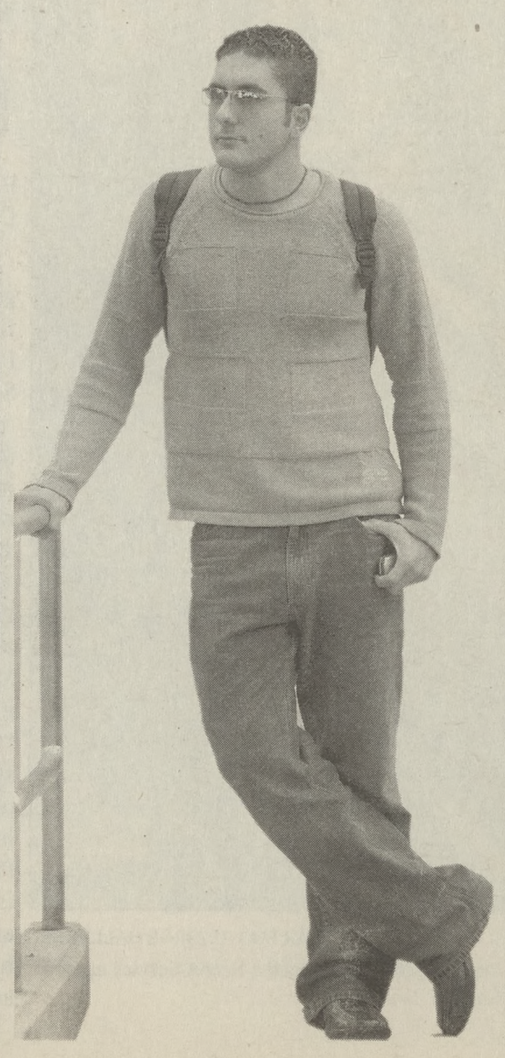

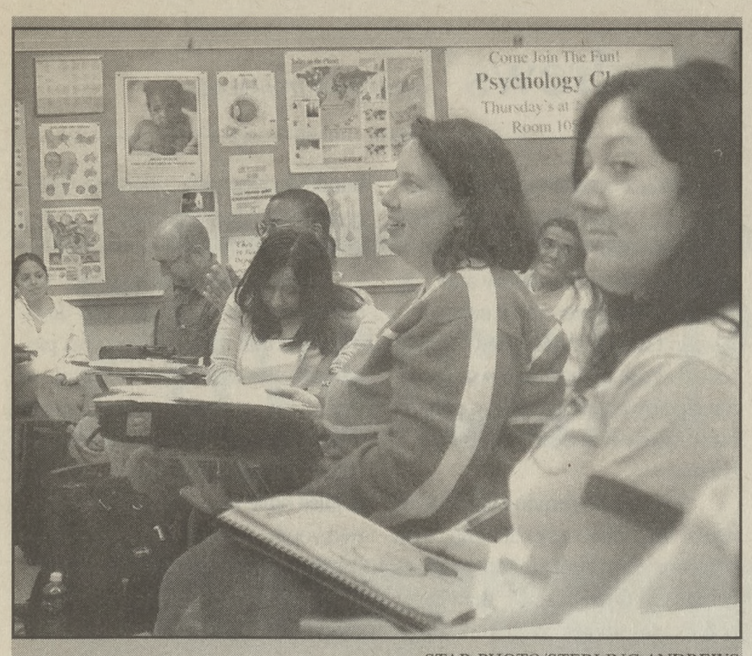

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Students diagramed the opposite sex's priorities within the brain at the psychology club meeting Thursday.

No Sex Here

BY STERLING ANDREWS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students left Thursday's psychology club meeting deceived but satisfied after being lured by advertised promises of better sex. Vice president of the psychology club Efrein Gonzales admitted to posting flyers around campus that promised to teach students how to have better sex in marriage and relationships but knew that sex would never be mentioned in the hour and a half lecture. The turnout, said Gonzales, was worth the deceit.

The room was crammed with both male and female students eager to take notes and gorging on free snacks. It was only the third meeting and the crowd, said members, was huge. Only three of the roughly 40 students in attendance were psychology majors.

"Last week, we had a meeting on time management and no one came," said club treasurer David Kim. "But as soon as someone mentions S-E-X, students come running."

Instead of improvement on one's sex life, the lecture's actual purpose was to help students improve life with the opposite sex. Professor of speech communications Jim Marteney spoke about gender issues and the difference in communication between the sexes.

"Does anyone really understand the opposite sex?" Asked Marteney. One student's hand shot into the air. "You do? Yeah right. I want to begin by dispelling a rumor. I'm not here to give you descriptions of body parts. Despite what the flyer may have advertised, my primary purpose here is not to teach strategy, but to help you try and figure out why men and women are different, and what we can do to understand each other. He or she isn't crazy, that's just the way they are."

Numerous differences in the sexes were discussed, from the physiology of the brain to the social and cultural aspects of growing up. Marteney handed out photocopies of an empty diagram in the shape of a brain and asked students to "make a map of the opposite sex's priorities." The results were typical, said Marteney. The women's brains that men drew depicted large priority portions for fashion, gossip and talking on the phone and the men's brains had the largest portions for sleep, sex and food. Marteney also discussed the difference between the objectives in boys' games and girls' games, stating that boys expand physical relationships first so their games are primarily competitive.

"But how do you win at dolls?" He asked before further explaining that girls focus on developing intellectual relationships and therefore place higher priority on the experience of playing the game then on the game itself. "Guys are good at following rules; girls are good at changing them."

Marteney also noted that women's verbal skills are generally more developed than men's. "Men are problem-fixers, women want to share their problems," Marteney said, adding that various studies on verbal aggression in adolescent and teenage girls indicate that girls are far more aggressive. While angry boys will seek to physically harm another boy, aggressive girls will spread rumors and ruin reputations. They are also less likely to apologize than boys, and when they do, the apology is usually back-handed. "High school girls are vicious," he said.

Students said they enjoyed the lecture despite the bait and switch. "It was really fun." Said student Mycay Douglas. "I left less confused than when I walked in. I have more answers now, and I feel closer to women."

'AB540'

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resents southeast LA County. "The fact is, now we have to think of a way to implement it that's both honest and fair."

Though Firebaugh admits to being critical of Gov. Davis in the past — and was "a little ticked" at his rejection of AB 60, modifying laws regarding an eight-hour workday — he commended the governor for passing this bill.

Undocumented community-college students will only have to pay the standard $11 per unit as opposed to the international fee of $151, though they will not be eligible for financial aid, an issue that Firebaugh promises to keep fighting for. "Let's not sit and rest on our laurels, let's get back to work," he said.

"It touched on a real policy issue as it relates to implementation of AB 540," said Warren Furutani, president of the LACCD board of trustees. He added that the current system of admissions and enrollment is "patently unfair" to undocumented students.

Several students in the district will be affected by the bill's implementation. "I'm hoping that it's an opportunity for students to advance themselves within higher education and at the university level," said Luis Trujillo, an undocumented Valley student impacted by the bill. He added that though he has a lot to learn about it, AB 540 should help foreign students quite a bit.

Following the speeches were various workshops held throughout campus, such as AB 540 implementation in the UC and CSU system, and the ways to obtain permanent resident status in the United States workshop.

"I'm here to get more information on AB 540," said Paris Noori of Glendale College, echoing the sentiments of most in the audience. "It's affecting a lot of students and I don't think they should be penalized and deprived of an education."

Students also showed up to learn. "It sounds good, because some of us that were born here are lazy and take (our rights and privileges) for granted," said student Elizabeth Cruz, who just found out about the bill.

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The art department has a variety of creative courses to offer, including ceramics.

'Protest'

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At the turn-around point, the marchers met the blue line of police and sheriffs in riot gear. Roughly 15 sheriff's deputies stationed themselves inside the iron fence of the training center and listened to the accusations and insults of the demonstrators.

The demonstration began to thin after the marchers returned to the Federal Building, where musical bands welcomed them back. Some demonstrators were more adamant than others, but people in opposition were few. One participant, a Bush supporter wearing a T-shirt with an F-16 fighter with American and Israeli flags sprouting from it and a Star of David around his neck, compared Saddam Hussein to Adolph Hitler and supported a U.S.-led strike on Iraq.

"If we don't attack him he's going to try to occupy more countries in the middle-east," said the Bush supporter. "Hitler tortured Jews and Hussein tortures Kurds." He added that he wished that the world were a "beautiful" place and war didn't have to exist, but that wasn't realistic, and the Iraqi people weren't allowed to demonstrate against their government like Americans are.

Valley Student Adam Springfield disagreed. "(The war) is wrong for a lot of reasons," he said. "We haven't been able to find weapons of mass destruction and we can't prove that. We don't have the backing of the UN and our allied nations, except for the U.K., which is another imperialist nation." He also called George W. Bush an "imperial dictator running around trying to finish what his father did."

By 4:30 p.m., though bands still played anti-war themes and the occasional speaker railed against Bush's policies, the fire of the protest had largely waned.

"It's awesome, I had no idea (the protest) would be so big," said Chandra Mundon, student and former president of Amnesty International at Valley.

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have 167 students waiting to enter — as of Sept. 26, 2002 — with all prerequisites," said Wieder. "We cannot accept them for lack of educators and lack of teaching space." The president also pointed out that many fully trained and qualified nurses with masters' of the science of nursing or masters' of arts degrees don't consider teaching at community colleges because of the roughly $10,000 to $15,000 a year lesser salary.

According to Holton, the issue of respect for nurses was also touched upon as a deterrent for people wanting to join the profession.

"The shortage of nurses is because a lot of people perceive nurses as maids or caretakers as opposed to medical professionals," said nursing student Grace Fernandez.

The chairs of the LACCD nursing departments and the board of registered nursing will be meeting in Anaheim today through Friday to further discuss the issue.

'ASU Fees'

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"If students are hesitant about paying $7 then they will definitely object to paying $10," said Karapet Torossian, treasurer of ASU. He added that because it is optional to contribute to ASU, the last thing he wants to do is to make it harder for students to pay.

Other students view the fee increase as a way support their school. "If it's going towards a good cause, then I support any increase," said student Nicholas Ramirez.

Student Mary Gugun agrees that a $3 increase would not likely affect a student's willingness to contribute. She did admit, however, that she did not pay the fees herself because she was not aware of how the money was used.

"If I knew that the fees were being used to make improvements at school, I would be more comfortable about where my money was going," said Gugun.

The conflict in students' opinions supports the school district's decision to talk to students before taking action on the issue. According to Mary Ramos, L.A.C.C.D.'s student trustee at Harbor College, it will take some time to investigate whether the changes will really benefit the nine colleges.

"We had to first form a task-force (consisting of ASO presidents and an advisor) that would be responsible for collecting the necessary information on each campus. Some schools want to raise the fees and others want to lower them. Basically, we don't want to do anything until we can figure out what will be most effective."

Changing ASO fees is a new issue with no concrete guidelines. A new policy will be set by the Task Force and a meeting is scheduled October 25 in District headquarters to determine the next step.

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whether he played a positive role in the exploration of the Americas

Lopez also pointed out that the United States Census Bureau indicates that Latinos are now the largest minority group in the U.S.

"The fact that now we even outnumber African Americans as a racial group says a lot about our influence in this country," Lopez said. "It's only a matter of time before we begin to play a larger role in politics and education. Celebrations such as the one here are only a beginning for Latinos."

The Associated Student Union and M.E.Ch.A. have coordinated their efforts to ensure a successful event.

'Red Dragon' *continued from page 3*

to confront his past – his reflection in the mirror, Hannibal Lecter – risking mind, body, and soul in order to firmly grasp the Tooth Fairy's psychosis.

Thank the heavens those blue eyes have pierced us again. Red Dragon, penned by the award winning Ted Talley whose graceful ballpoint gave us the film version of The Silence of the Lambs, brings back the Lecter we all sorely missed in Ridley Scott's beautifully filmed but ultimately flawed adaptation of Hannibal.

Kudos to director Brent Ratner (Rush Hour 1 & 2); he obviously knew his place in the hierarchy and just relegated himself to making sure the camera was pointed in the right direction. For that, we must praise him.

Hopkins is brilliant, Norton isn't sufficiently tragic, Fiennes is demented (in that good way) and Lord, I wish Scott Glenn would have signed on. Red Dragon holds back very little, although the script does suffer a bit from a case of 'Americans need it all wrapped up with a 'purty bow on top,' disease. But thanks to that sick affection we have for the psychotic anti-hero, Red Dragon's flaws won't deter us; it's that bored expression in Lecter's eyes that will entrance us all over again.

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Since then, it has gone beyond the level of mere public acceptance to march for peace instead of shouting for war; it is now almost expected. Colleges across the nation hold peace rallies, teach-ins, discussions and anti-war conferences. But with the thousands of people protesting and marching these past few weeks, where are the supporters? Where are their discussions, their rallies? When pro-choice demonstrations are held, pro-life supporters demonstrate right along with them. It is now up to the conservative populace – if they truly do stand behind their ideals as steadily as they do in private – to go against the social grain and publicly defend their beliefs.

The current generation of college students might look down on people who are courageous enough to admit to thinking "better them than me." Adamant conservatives are often viewed by their peers as uneducated or narrow minded, and a recent study shows that an overwhelming 88 percent of college students oppose the pending war. It is no wonder, then, that students wouldn't want to stand before an auditorium of people and announce that they support an initiative that will lead to war.

It is a troubling time indeed when those who support their own government are afraid to publicly admit it.

'Kennedy' *continued from page 1*

in schools.

Drugs and alcohol use is also on the rise in tweens. In the past decade, the number of eighth-graders smoking marijuana has more than doubled, and they are experimenting with LSD. There is an increase in eating disorders such as anorexia and obsessive dieting, even among girls in late elementary school.

With all the education and knowledge that we are supposed to have, it should be a better world. Parents need to teach boys that their popularity doesn't depend on toughness, trouble-making, coolness or bragging. And a girl's father or mother needs to explain that her status is not from the success of grooming, expensive clothes or other appearance related variables.

'Andrews' *continued from page 2*

fare was not considered until 1911, when the United States government began adopting English laws that made education mandatory and child abuse a government concern. It wasn't until the early 1930s that sexual abuse in the home was recognized by government laws; previously, abuse was dealt with by the church.

There is no denying that studies reveal that kids are exhibiting adult behavior. But there are more studies being conducted now than ever before, and studies on child development didn't begin until children were well established as a social concern – less than 50 years ago. The vast majority of existing child development studies didn't occur until after 1960. Before these studies became popular, few people could conceive of the idea of children acting in adult ways. Except for a few isolated cases, most concerns were dealt with in the home and not reported for a national average. There may be current reports of pregnant sixth graders, but there have been reports of children having children for more than a hundred years. The youngest mother in history had her child in 1939 – at the age of five.

The sudden existence of a scientific study or a national poll doesn't mean that the condition was previously non-existent, it only means that it is currently documented. There have been studies on sexually active teens and children, but the studies have only applied to unmarried youth. According to recent studies, the average age of marriage has increased by six years since 1950 – from 19 to 25.

I agree that children today are not active enough with their parents, but blaming today's parents for kids wanting to be grown-ups is ridiculous. Kids have always pretended to be adults. Boys' social success has always depended on toughness, and girls' on vanity. They've always wanted to fit in, be cool, be accepted. In fact, I even believe that children have always sworn, talked about sex and used adult words that they may have heard or read – adults just weren't paying attention.

I understand that both parents need to work to maintain the income and family structure, but absentee parents have contributed to the emergence tweens in our social ecology. Kids are being brought up on videos, commercials, movies and magazines. Children are not little adults; they need to stay innocent. They have only 18 years in their lives to be kids. Children need to go back to being children, and parents need to be parents.

LAVC Professor discusses 'China Today'

BY NICOLE SUNKES
STAR REPORTER

Having recently returned from a three-week trip to China, Valley College journalism professor Roger Graham gave a speech Monday to a dozen people in the cafeteria conference room on "China Today," where he discussed his observations on the present day People's Republic as compared to the China he first visited.

"Fourteen years ago it was the dream of the Chinese people to own a television set, but today it is to own either a car or a computer" Graham said. "Due to a lack of roads and government censorship, both are hard to come by."

China has a land size about the same as the United States but about one billion more inhabitants. The government is Communist, and although many Chinese people claim that they have some of the same rights and freedoms as Americans, Graham is quick to point out that this is not the case. He uses the 1989 Tiananmen Square incident, when student demonstrators were arrested and put in jail, to make his case.

"The Chinese Government told their people that those students were rioters, and that one of them even tried to steal a tank," said Graham. He also pointed out that the only place in China where CNN can be watched is in the major hotels, because of the government censorship of all news.

Starting his trip in Beijing, Graham noted that the new market economy there has spawned a Kentucky Fried Chicken on almost every corner. He also said that about half of the people in Beijing live in alleys, and smog is a problem in the city due to a high number of automobiles. It may also say something about the welcoming spirit of the Chinese people that they want to make the 2008 Olympics as comfortable for their visitors as possible; many of them are taking night classes to learn English and many of the street signs are being replaced for bilingual ones.

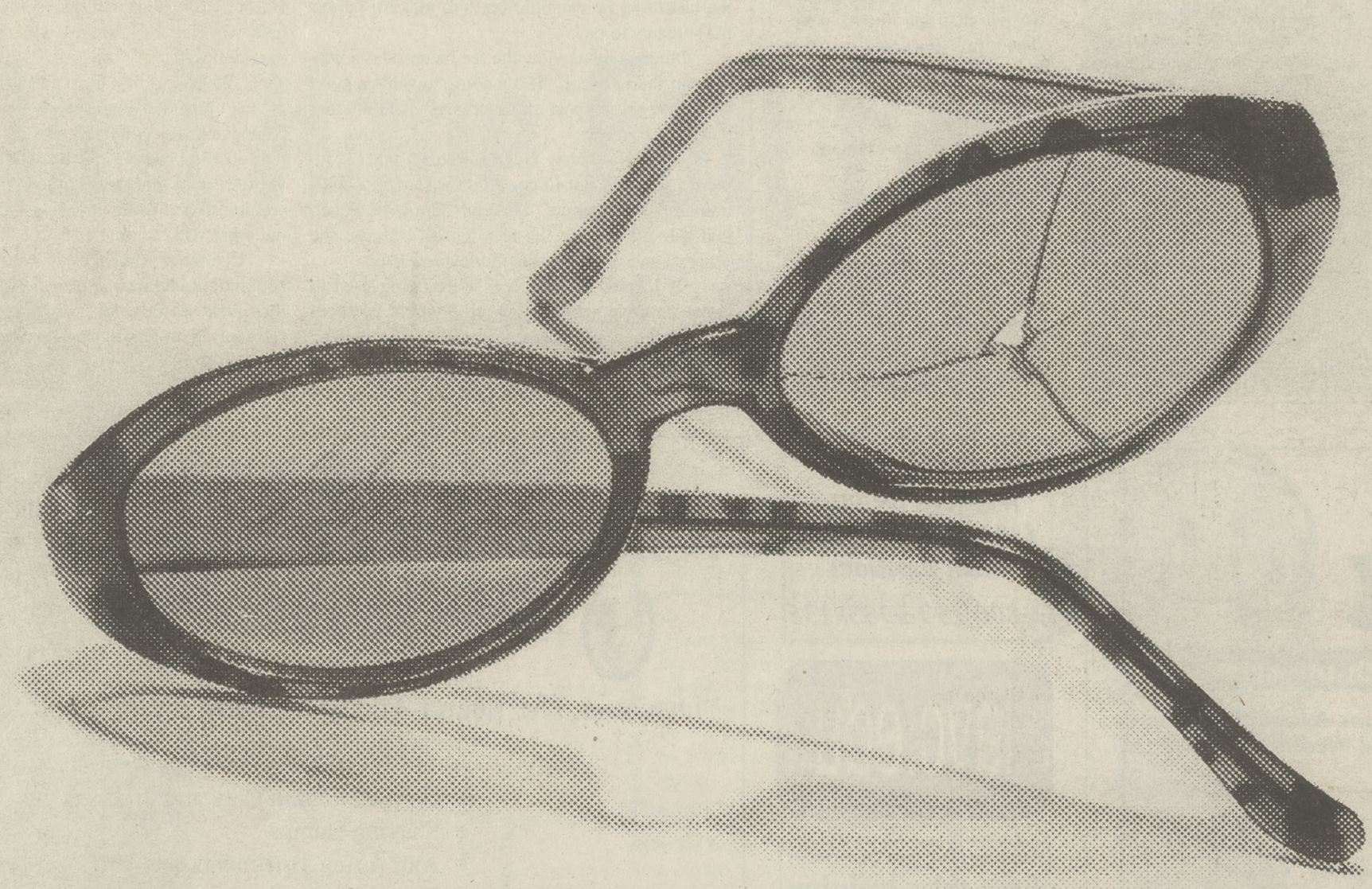
Graham shared pictures of him and his wife standing on the Great Wall of China and a picture of him and his tour group in front of Chairman Mao tse Tung's portrait on display in Tiananmen Square.

The next place he visited was the Yangtze River, the world's third largest river and the site of the Three Gorges Dam, the biggest construction project on earth. Although construction of the dam has been underway for a decade, completion is not expected until 2009. Graham shared a picture of himself at the top of the dam's building headquarters, where a village below houses 20,000 workers that work around the clock. Next month the first wall on the dam will be closed, ending river travel. He said that he was on one of the last boats to cruise down the river and that he enjoyed the six and a half days he spent touring it.

Students enjoyed the hour-long lecture given by the seasoned traveler. "I've always wanted to go to China," said student Carole Meyers. "He makes it sound so interesting."

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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Physical Play Topples Monarchs

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Monarchs defender Marcela Ayala tries to get the ball from a Pierce forward in a game lost by the Monarchs 4-0. The game was played at Monarch stadium on Oct. 4.

BY BOB TEICHMANN
STAR REPORTER

Some people play for the love of the game. Others play to win. The Lady Monarchs soccer team still can't decide.

With an overall record of 1-6, the Monarchs were in desperate need of another win.

Pierce was aggressive from the opening minute, trying shot after shot in an attempt to exhaust the Monarchs. Play was very intense, even violent at times, which left the Monarchs with a 4-0 loss.

"What are you doing?" yelled midfielder Eva Gomez as her teammates fell.

Thirteen minutes into the game, Monarch goalkeeper Liz Baumwirt saved a wild goal attempt, receiving a kick in the head from a Pierce striker. Less than one minute later, Pierce scored the first goal of the game.

Pierce's hard play did not end there. Monarch defenders were repeatedly pushed, kicked, and tripped. That created several openings for Pierce, as they played a running game to confuse the Monarchs.

Five minutes before halftime, Pierce found a gap between Monarchs Liz Baumwirt and Sierra Corcoran and scored an uncontested goal.

The Monarchs' second-half focus was short lived, however, when Pierce found yet another gap in the Monarch defense and scored just minutes into the half. When Valley attempted a comeback using excessive force, Pierce defender Christen Ashbrook was hit so hard that she fell face-first onto the ground and remained motionless for two minutes.

The Monarchs were penalized just minutes later for more aggressive play. Pierce then scored their final goal off the penalty, fixing the score at 0 – 4.

After the game, heads were down and players were eager to leave. Few could think of a good reason why Valley lost, though team special assistant Jose Medina attributes this loss to their previous game.

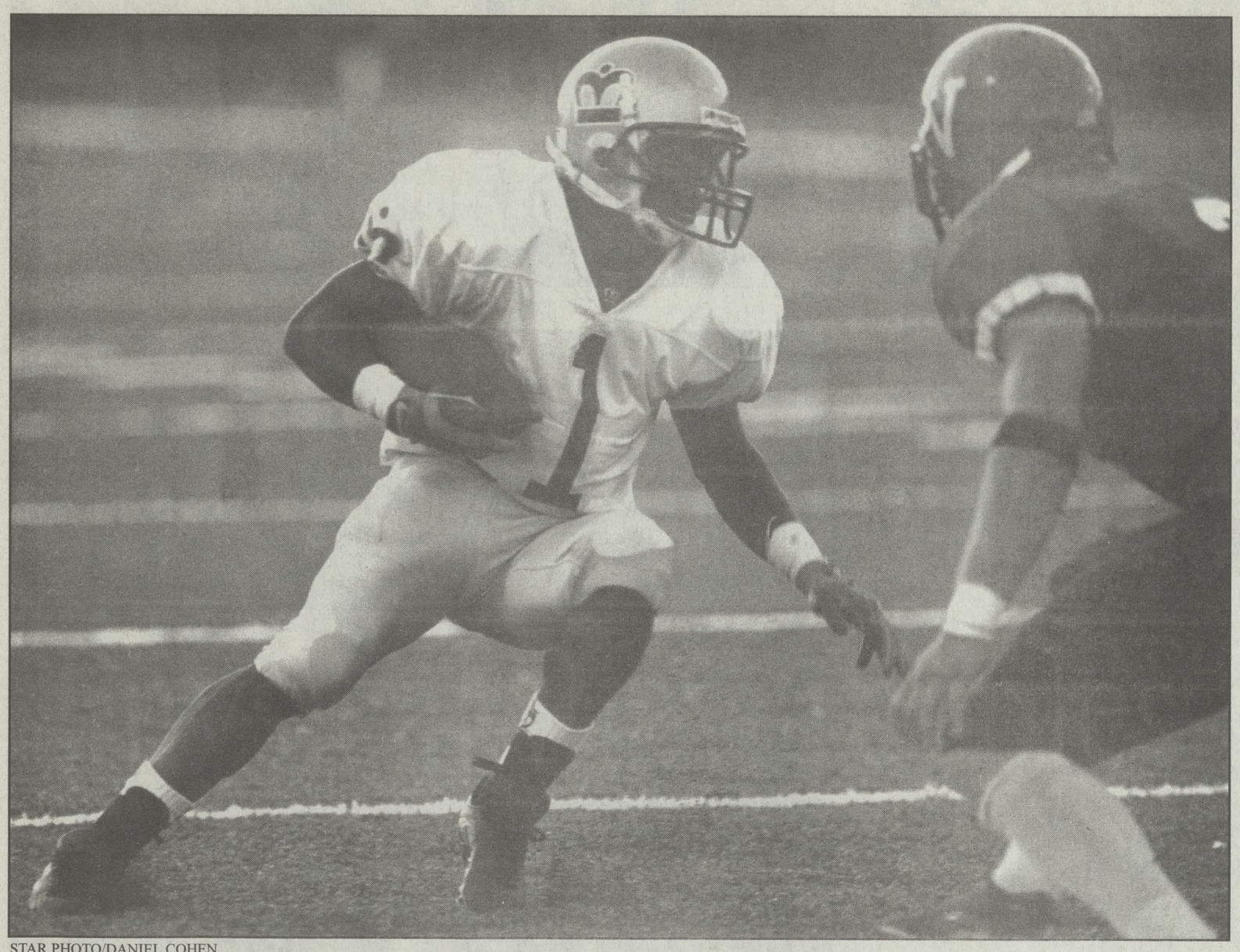
"I think it was because their loss in the last game against Bakersfield was so dramatic," Medina said.

Head Coach Alberto Bru, however, was not upset about the loss.

"You did what we wanted, but better," Bru said to the team. "They had so many opportunities to score, but you were all there and held them to just a few."

The Lady Monarchs will have another chance to redeem themselves Friday when they face Santa Monica.

Monarch Winning Streak Comes to an End



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Wide receiver Sanders Trent III runs with the ball as he attempts to avoid a defender. The Monarchs were defeated by the Vaqueros at La Playa Stadium in Santa Barbara. The score was 19 to 13.

BY RICARDO MIRANDA
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College football team saw its two-game winning streak come to a stop last week with a 19-13 loss to Santa Barbara.

Valley got off to a slow start in the first quarter when quarterback Ryan Martinez had one of his passes intercepted and run back for a touchdown. Santa Barbara missed the extra point but led 6-0.

The host team scored six more points in the second quarter to put the Monarchs behind by 12. Valley rallied with a touchdown to cut the lead to 12-6 at the half.

Santa Barbara scored on a 51-yard punt return in the third to extend its lead to 19-6. Willie Jackson scored on a 1-yard touchdown run for Valley that reduced Santa Barbara's lead to 19-13.

Neither team could manage more points in the final quarter and the game ended with Valley trailing by six.

The Monarchs will try to start a new winning streak Saturday when they face Glendale College. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Glendale High School.

sports schedule

Football
10-12 - Glendale @ 1:00 p.m. @ Glendale

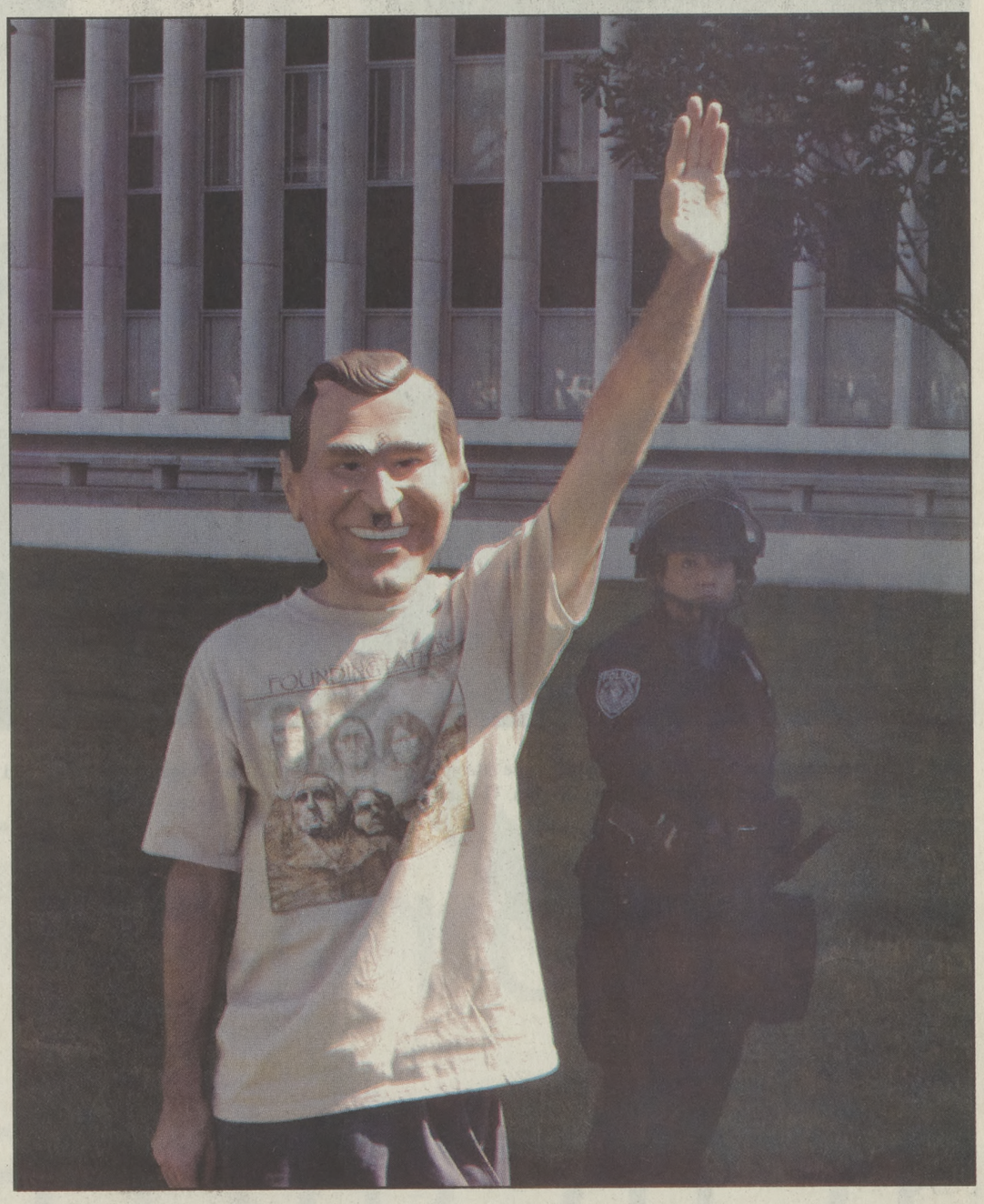
Men's and Women's Cross Country
10-11 - WSC #1 @ 10:00 a.m. @ SBCC

Women's Soccer
10-11 Santa Monica @ 4:00 p.m. @ John Adams Middle School
10-15 - Glendale @ 4:00 p.m. @ Valley

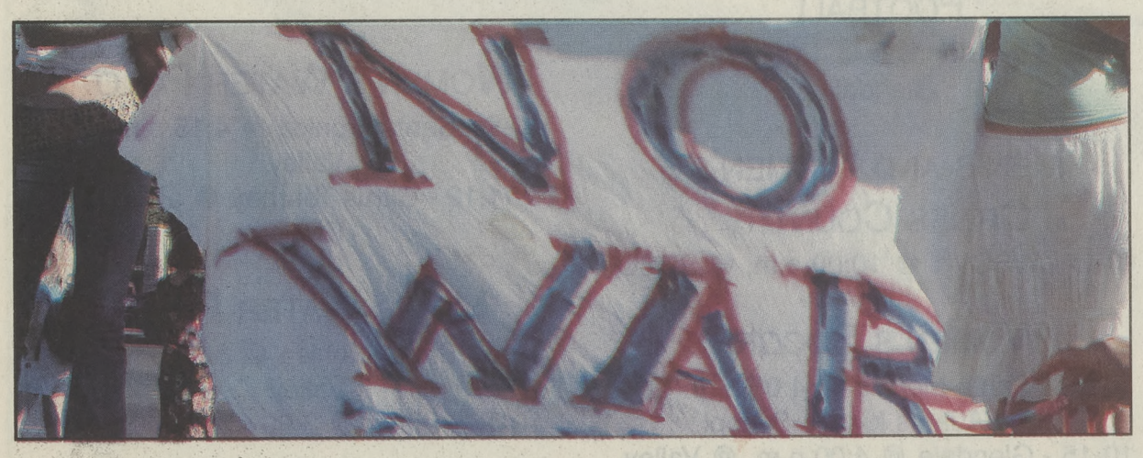
Women's Water Polo
10-9 - Santa Monica @ 4:15 p.m. @ Valley
10-11,12 - Citrus Tourney @ all day. @ Citrus

Men's Water Polo
10-9 - Santa Monica @ 3:00 p.m. @ Valley
10-16 - Citrus @ 3:00 p.m. @ Valley

Marching Against War



Thousands of protesters assembled at the Westwood federal building and marched to the U.S. Army Reserve training center on Wilshire Boulevard Sunday. Anti-war advocates of all ages and ethnic backgrounds attended, and Valley students were among them. Though many voices were heard, some brimming with anger and some filled with compassion, the protest passed without major incident.



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